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1. Watch towers have been built at intervals of about 500 m. along the Polish side of the border between Poland and Czechoslovakia in the vicinity of the Prague-Dziedzice (Q50/X89) railroad crossing. These towers are 5 to 6 m. high and are connected by telephone and a hand operated alarm siren. The posts are manned at all times by two guards on six-hour watches. Each watch carries one light machine gun (German model LMG) with a sealed munitions box and a cartridge belt. In addition, each post is equipped with one PPSH. sub-machine gun. The LMG's are not often cleaned or oiled, and in winter the water jacket is not filled. No target practices are held.
2. Border trenches, 10 m. long and 5 m. deep, are spaced at 75 m. intervals along the border. A barbed wire barricade, $1\frac{1}{2}$ m. wide, has been erected and foot traps made of fine wire pegged to the ground and hidden in the grass are grouped around the rail line near the frontier crossing. An alarm wire is stretched between the watch towers in the grass about 5 cm. above the ground. Whenever it is disturbed, as it often is by rabbits, a red light goes on in the nearest watch tower. The light is operated by two small wet-cell batteries stored in the tower.
3. About 25 m. from the alarm wire on the side away from the border, patrols of 3 or 4 men are stationed at 250 m. intervals. They are armed with PPSH. sub-machine guns and flashlights. Secondary mounted patrols armed with PPSH. sub-machine guns or rapid-fire German weapons and dogs are stationed about 50 m. farther from the border.
4. Customs officials at the border railroad crossing wear green uniforms and four-cornered hats. Personnel of the Border Guard Corps (WOP) command post includes:

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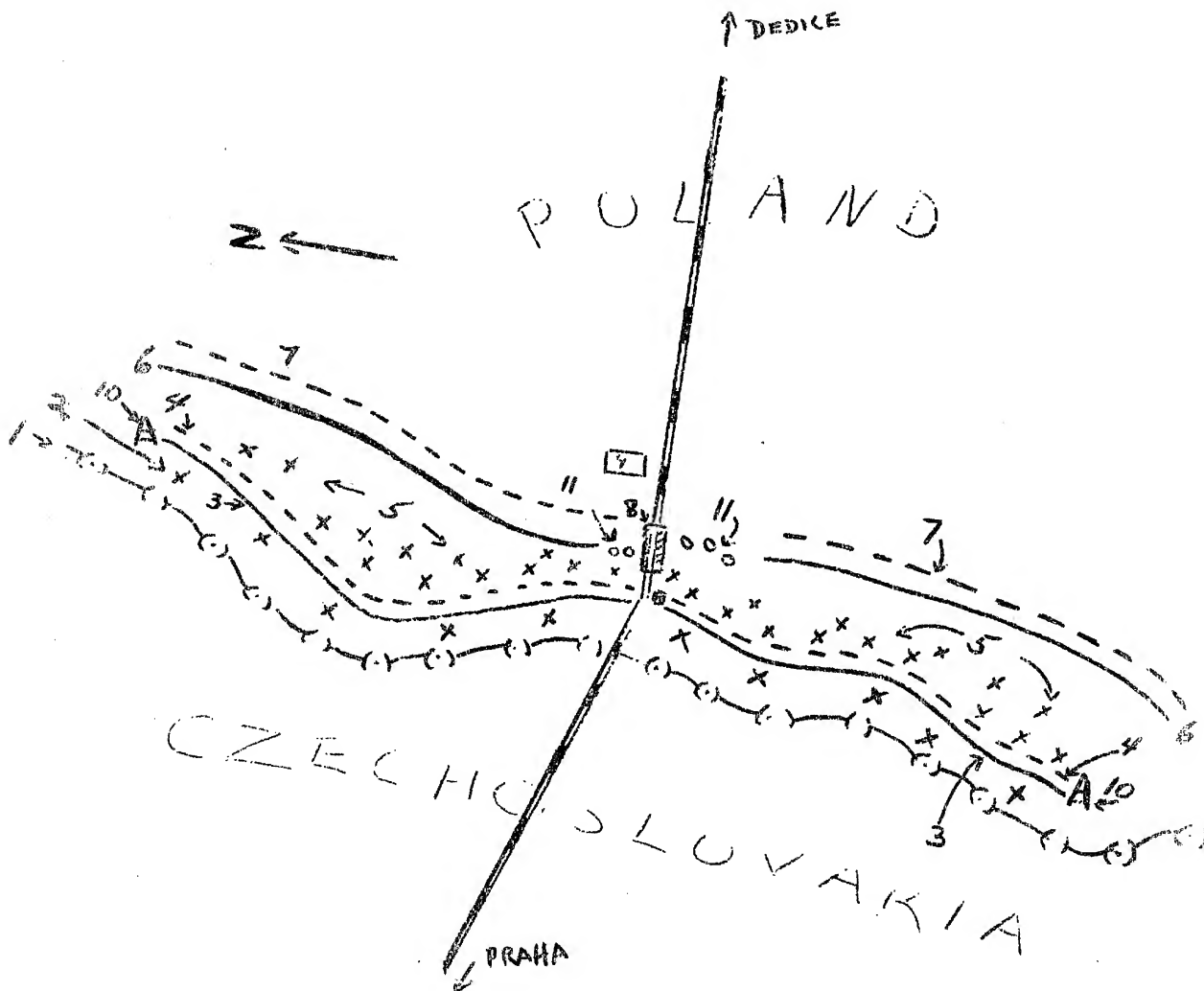
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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- a. Captain Eugeniusz Masur, 32 years old.
- b. Lt. Michal Koszcowa, 42 years old.
- c. Lt. Kriger, 28 years old.
- d. 1st Lt. Josef Sbierski, 28 years old.
- e. 1st Lt. Jerzy Berbeschki, 48 years old.
- f. Sgt. Major Kuge, 46 years old.
- g. Sgt. Michal Anek, 49 years old.
- h. Sgt. Edward Minkus, 50 years old.

Sketch of Border Installations on the Czech-
Polish Border



Key to sketch

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| 1. Czech-Polish border | 7. Mounted patrols |
| 2. Watch towers | 8. Pass and customs control post |
| 3. Border trenches | 9. WOP barracks |
| 4. Alarm wire | 10. Sector limit beacons |
| 5. Patrols on foot | 11. Foot traps |
| 6. Barbed wire barricade | |

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